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In re Patent Application of ) **Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
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For: **BIOCOMPATIBLE BONE IMPLANT** ) Confirmation No.: 7765  
    **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS** )  
    **FOR REPAIRING A BONE DEFECT** )

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: